

Edith loves animals and plants, and is a vegetarian, although I have been told she refuses to admit it. If there is any connection between eating beans and longevity, she is living proof. She does not take any medications, and has only visited a doctor two times in more than 100 years.

Edith lives at home with her daughter but even at 102, still cares for herself. Her daughter provides care for other elders less blessed with good health than her 102-year-old mother.

I would like to thank Edith for her service to the Commonwealth's seniors, and wish her a very happy birthday.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5026. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-181); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5028. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-167); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-184); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5030. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-162); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5031. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-185); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5032. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the danger pay allowance for Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5034. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0014-2014-0019); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5036. A communication from the Prime Minister, Kurdistan Regional Government, transmitting, a request that the Obama Administration remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) from the Foreign Terrorist Organizations list; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5037. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Access to NEH Records Under the Freedom of Information Act" (RIN3136-AA32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5038. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Benzoic Acid" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-1100) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5039. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drug Applications; Confidentiality of Data and Information in a New Animal Drug Application File" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0108) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5040. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basic Health Program: State Administration of Basic Health Programs . . . Trust Fund and Financial Integrity" (RIN0938-AR93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5041. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicare Care Management Performance (MCMP) Demonstration"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5042. A communication from the Program Manager, Department of Health and

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2015" (RIN0938-AR89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5043. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0002; FV14-932-1 IR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5044. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Potatoes From Mexico" ((RIN0579-AD78) (Docket No. APHIS-2013-0037)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5045. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Agency's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5046. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5047. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014-2018 and the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2013 and Annual Performance Plan for fiscal years 2014-2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5048. A communication from the Chief Human Resources Officer, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Postal Service's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5049. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's Strategic Plan for 2014-2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5050. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the No FEAR Act for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5051. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5052. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Director's Semiannual Report to Congress on Management Decisions for the periods from April 1,